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Subject: Request for Applications (RFA) Number 685-03-A-001

Alternatives for at-Risk Youth in the Casamance

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement from qualified US or non-US Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for funding a program in Alternatives for at-Risk Youth in the Casamance. The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Subject to availability of funds, USAID anticipates making up to three awards for a total of approximately \$500,000 over a period of two years. The RFA outlines three types of activity that can be supported with USAID funding. NGOs that wish to bid may target one activity, in line with their special capacities, or may include all three activities in a single application. However, the bidders should clearly desegregate the technical, and cost applications by activity. USAID will consider applications submitted for each activity separately. Award may be made for only one activity, even though the organization may have proposed initiatives in all. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

USAID anticipates to award grant(s) and/or Cooperative Agreement(s) out of this RFA. If the RFA results into any Cooperative Agreement(s), USAID will have limited substantial involvement in the implementation of the program as long as the implementing organizations comply with the assistance agreement(s), which will be based on their applications.

The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objective in Alternatives for at-Risk Youth in the Casamance. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete statement of goals and expected results.

Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for-profit organizations), may be paid under the grant.

USAID, Senegal Derriere Ngor Diarama Petit Ngor, Ngor

For the purposes of this program, this RFA is being issued and consists of this cover letter and the following:

- 1. Section A Grant Application Format;
- 2. Section B Selection Criteria;
- 3. Section C Program Description;
- 4. Section D Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements

of Applicant/Grantee;

For the purposes of this RFA, the term "Grant" is synonymous with "Cooperative Agreement"; "Grantee" is synonymous with "Recipient"; and "Grant Officer" is synonymous with "Agreement Officer".

If you decide to submit an application, it should be received by the closing date and time indicated at the top of this cover letter at the place designated below for receipt of applications. Applications shall be submitted in two separate parts: (a) technical and (b) cost or business application with completed set of certifications (see Section D). Applications and modifications thereof shall be submitted in envelopes with the name and address of the applicant and RFA 685-03-A-001 inscribed thereon, to:

By International Mail:

Bernadette Daluz, A&A Specialist Regional Contracting Office USAID Mission to Senegal B.P. 49, Dakar - Senegal

By All Other Means of Delivery:

Bernadette Daluz, A&A Specialist Regional Contracting Office U.S. Agency for International Development B.P. 49 Derriere Hotel Ngor Diarama Ngor, Dakar - Senegal

Applicants are requested to submit both technical and cost portions of their applications in separate volumes to the Regional Contracting Office address stated above. Award will be made to that responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) offers the greatest value to the government.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, the Government reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. In addition, final award of any resultant grant(s) cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures. While it is anticipated that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for award. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant; should circumstances prevent award of a cooperative agreement, all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

The preferred method of distribution of USAID procurement information is via the Internet. This RFA and any future amendments can be downloaded from the Agency Web Site. The World Wide Web Address is http://www.usaid.gov. Select Business and Procurement from the home page, then "USAID Procurements". On the following screen, select "Download Available USAID Solicitations". Receipt of this RFA through INTERNET must be confirmed by written notification to Bernadette Daluz on e-mail address bdaluz@usaid.gov. It is the responsibility of the recipient of the

application document to ensure that it has been received from INTERNET in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes.

In the event of an inconsistency between the documents comprising this RFA, it shall be resolved by the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) Section B Selection Criteria;
- (b) Section A Grant Application Format;
- (c) Section C The Program Description;
- (d) This Cover Letter.

Any questions concerning this RFA should be submitted in writing to Bernadette Daluz, via facsimile at (221) 869-6126 or via internet at bdaluz@usaid.gov. Prospective Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their questions or request clarifications of any part of this RFA not later than December 20, 2002 in order to receive USAID response in the form of the RFA amendment (listing all questions received and USAID answers) envisioned to be posted on or about December 31, 2002.

If there are problems in downloading the RFA off the INTERNET, please contact the USAID INTERNET Coordinator on (202) 712-4442. Applicants should retain for their records one copy of all enclosures which accompany their application.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bogus Regional Contracting Office USAID/Senegal

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SECTION A - GRANT APPLICATION FORMAT

PREPARATION GUIDELINES

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed for responsiveness to the specifications outlined in these guidelines and the application format. Section B addresses the technical evaluation procedures for the applications. Applications which are submitted late or are incomplete run the risk of not being considered in the review process.

Applications shall be submitted in two separate parts: (a) technical and (b) cost or business application. Technical portions of applications should be submitted in an original and 3 copies and cost portions of applications in an original and 1 copy. Both technical and cost portions of the applications shall have a cover page which includes the point of contact for the organization, including name, title, address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address.

The application should be prepared according to the structural format set forth below. Applicants are encouraged not to exceed 30 pages of the technical submission, and the applications shall be written in English and formatted for standard 8 1/2 " x 11", single spaced, 10 characters per inch with each page numbered consecutively. Items such as graphs, charts, cover pages, dividers, table of contents, and attachments (i.e. key personnel resumes, table summarizing qualifications of proposed personnel) are not included in the 30-page limit. However, the volume of these documents must be kept to a reasonable minimum. Applications must be submitted no later than the date and time indicated on the cover page of this RFA, to the location indicated on page 2 of the cover letter accompanying this RFA.

Technical applications should be specific, complete and presented concisely. The applications should demonstrate the applicant's capabilities and expertise with respect to achieving the goals of this program. The applications should take into account the technical evaluation criteria found in Section B.

Applicants should retain for their records one copy of the application and all enclosures which accompany their application. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the application. To facilitate the competitive review of the applications, USAID will consider only applications conforming to the format prescribed below.

COST APPLICATION FORMAT

The Cost or Business Application is to be submitted under separate cover from the technical application. Certain documents are required to be submitted by an applicant in order for an Grant Officer to make a determination of responsibility. However, it is USAID policy not to burden applicants with undue reporting requirements if that information is readily available through other sources.

The following sections describe the documentation that applicants for Assistance award must submit to USAID prior to award. While there is no page limit for this portion, applicants are encouraged to be as concise as possible, but still provide the necessary detail to address the following:

- A. A copy of the program description that was detailed in the applicants program description, on a 3-1/2" diskette, formatted in Word97.
- B. Include a budget with an accompanying budget narrative which provides in detail the total costs for implementation of the program your organization is proposing. The budget must be submitted using Standard Form 424 and 424A which can be downloaded from the USAID web site, http://www.usaid.gov/procurement_bus_opp/procurement/forms/sf424/;
- the breakdown of all costs associated with the program according to costs of, if applicable, headquarters, regional and/or country offices;
 - the breakdown of all costs according to each partner organization involved in the program;

- the costs associated with external, expatriate technical assistance and those associated with local in-country technical assistance:
- the breakdown of the financial and in-kind contributions of all organizations involved in implementing this Cooperative Agreement;
 - potential contributions of non-USAID or private commercial donors to this Cooperative Agreement;
- procurement plan for commodities (note that contraceptives and other health commodities will not be provided under this Cooperative Agreement).
 - C. A current Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement;
 - D. Required certifications and representations (as attached):
- E. Cost share has been recommended at 25% of the total estimated amount. Applicants must clearly state the percentage of cost share and total dollar amount that they are proposing and explain the proposed means through which those funds would be secured. USAID expects applicants to demonstrate a commitment to program success by proposing an appropriate and meaningful level of cost sharing. Evaluation of cost share will include the level of financial participation and the added value to the program represented by this commitment. The amount of cost share proposed must be reflected under Non-Federal Portion on the SF-424A.
- F. Applicants who do not currently have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) from their cognizant agency shall also submit the following information:
- 1. copies of the applicant's financial reports for the previous 3-year period, which have been audited by a certified public accountant or other auditor satisfactory to USAID;
 - 2. projected annual budget, annual cash flow projection and organizational chart;
 - 3. A copy of the organization's accounting manual.
- G. Applicants should submit any additional evidence of responsibility deemed necessary for the Grant Officer to make a determination of responsibility. The information submitted should substantiate that the Applicant:
- 1. Has adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the award.
- 2. Has the ability to comply with the award conditions, taking into account all existing and currently prospective commitments of the applicant, nongovernmental and governmental.
- 3. Has a satisfactory record of performance. Past relevant unsatisfactory performance is ordinarily sufficient to justify a finding of non-responsibility, unless there is clear evidence of subsequent satisfactory performance.
 - 4. Has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics; and
 - 5. Is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive a grant under applicable laws and regulations (e.g., EEO).
- H. Applicants that have never received a grant, cooperative agreement or contract from the U.S. Government are required to submit a copy of their accounting manual. If a copy has already been submitted to the U.S. Government, the applicant should advise which Federal Office has a copy.

In addition to the aforementioned guidelines, the applicant is requested to take note of the following:

- I. Unnecessarily Elaborate Applications Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other presentations beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective application in response to this RFA are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the applicant's lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate art work, expensive paper and bindings, and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor wanted.
- J. Acknowledgement of Amendments to the RFA Applicants shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this RFA by signing and returning the amendment. The Government must receive the acknowledgement by the time specified for receipt of applications.
- K. Receipt of Applications Applications must be received at the place designated and by the date and time specified in the cover letter of this RFA.

L. Submission of Applications:

- 1. Applications and modifications thereof shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (1) addressed to the office specified in the Cover Letter of this RFA, and (2) showing the time specified for receipt, the RFA number, and the name and address of the applicant.
- 2. Faxed applications will not be considered; however, applications may be modified by written or faxed notice, if that notice is received by the time specified for receipt of applications.
 - M. Preparation of Applications:
- 1. Applicants are expected to review, understand, and comply with all aspects of this RFA. Failure to do so will be at the applicant's risk.
- 2. Each applicant shall furnish the information required by this RFA. The applicant shall sign the application and print or type its name on the Cover Page of the technical and cost applications. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the application. Applications signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.
- 3. Applicants who include data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose or used by the U.S. Government except for evaluation purposes, should:
 - (a) Mark the title page with the following legend:

"This application includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the U.S. Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed - in whole or in part - for any purpose other than to evaluate this application. If, however, a grant is awarded to this applicant as a result of - or in connection with - the submission of this data, the U.S. Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting grant. This restriction does not limit the U.S. Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets; and

(b) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

"Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this application."

N. Explanation to Prospective Applicants - Any prospective applicant desiring an explanation or interpretation of this RFA must request it in writing within three weeks of receipt of the application to allow a reply to reach all prospective applicants before the submission of their applications. Oral explanations or instructions given before award of a Grant will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective applicant concerning this RFA will be furnished promptly to all other prospective applicants as an amendment of this RFA, if that information is necessary in submitting applications or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective applicants.

O. Grant Award:

- 1. The Government may award one or more Grants resulting from this RFA to the responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) conforming to this RFA offers the greatest value (see also Section B of this RFA). The Government may (a) reject any or all applications, (b) accept other than the lowest cost application, (c) accept more than one application (see Section B, Selection Criteria), (d) accept alternate applications, and (e) waive informalities and minor irregularities in applications received.
- 2. The Government may award one or more Grant(s) on the basis of initial applications received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial application should contain the applicant's best terms from a cost and technical standpoint.
- 3. Neither financial data submitted with an application nor representations concerning facilities or financing, will form a part of the resulting Grant(s).
- P. Authority to Obligate the Government The Grant Officer is the only individual who may legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds. No costs chargeable to the proposed Grant may be incurred before receipt of either a fully executed Grant or a specific, written authorization from the Grant Officer.

SECTION B - SELECTION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria below are based on the expected desired outcomes stated in this RFA and will be used to select the winning applications. Applicants should note that these criteria serve to: (a) identify the significant matters which applicants should address in their applications and (b) set the standard against which all applications will be evaluated. To facilitate the review of applications, applicants should organize the narrative sections of their applications in the same order as the selection criteria.

The technical and cost applications will be evaluated in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria set forth below. To the extent that they are necessary (if award is made based on initial applications), negotiations will then be conducted with each applicant whose application has a reasonable chance of being selected for award. Awards will be made to responsible applicants whose applications offer the greatest value, cost and other factors considered.

Applications should indicate clearly which activity(ies) the proposed program addresses.

Awards will be made based on the ranking of applications according to the evaluation criteria identified below:

Technical application 80 points
Cost application 20 points
Total 100 points

1. Technical Approach and Strategic Fit

80 points

Applications must clearly demonstrate pertinent activities in one or more of the areas of program emphasis, outlined in sections.

1.1. Creativity and Strategic Fit (30 points) - Applicants should demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the problems youth in the Casamance face and evidence of consultation with youth in program design. Applications should be specific about the issues they will address and support their approach with analysis where possible. The appropriateness of the proposed activities to the targeted problem and overall program coherence will be assessed. Applicants should provide details concerning organizations, if any, they plan to work with.

The degree to which the proposal responds to one or more of the main program areas (see section C) will be assessed. Proposals which present offers for two or more components will be favored if their ideas are valid and economies of scale are outlined. Explanation of how components will be complementary will be evaluated.

- 1.2. Expected Results (25 points) Extent to which the proposed activities are likely to have measurable positive impact on the situation of youth in the Casamance. This will be assessed by the planned results as presented in proposals, such as proposed number of youth to be placed in jobs, proposed total number of youth assisted, total number of facilities established, or other results the applicant proposes. The potential for continuity of proposed activities once USAID support is complete will also be evaluated.
- 1.3. Institutional Capacity (25 points) This will be assessed by experience implementing similar activities, especially in the Casamance, proposed start-up time after signature of cooperative agreement, demonstrated capacity to manage (technically, administratively, and financially) a project of similar type and complexity and to deliver the required results within the specified time period, and prior successful experience in working with USAID and/or other international donors.

2. Cost 20 points

The costs will be evaluated for general reasonableness, allowability, and allocability as follows:

- 2.1. Direct Interventions vs Overhead Costs (5 points) USAID/Senegal seeks proposals where the maximum amount possible goes to direct interventions not to overheads.
- 2.2. Cost Effectiveness and efficiency (10 points) The cost effectiveness of the organization's approach and its ability to effect a wide base of beneficiaries. Applicants must present a detailed budget including all sources of funds allocated and a narrative description ("Budget Notes") of the applicant's assumptions made for each budget line item.
- 2.3. Cost-sharing mechanisms cost sharing is strongly encouraged. The benchmark for cost sharing is 25% of the total cost of the activity. (5 points).

This section should include a detailed budget (template below), narrative budget notes and evidence of some recipient contribution (or convincing explanation why recipient contribution is not appropriate). For organizations submitting for more than one component, budgets should be provided for each component, and a final separate sheet should be filled in detailing potential economies of scale if two or more components are funded.

Budgeting Template

Element	Budget	Budget Year 2	Applicant Contribution	Total	Requested
D 1	Year 1			USAID	
Personnel					
National Staff					
Benefits					
Expat staff					
Benefits					
Consultants					
OFFICE EXPENSES					
Equipment					
Supplies/Consumables					
Vehicles					
Maintenance of vehicles					
Rent					
Communication costs					
(phone, fax, etc)					
TRAVEL					
Per diem Costs					
Ticket Costs					
TD A INING WODI/GHODG					
TRAINING/WORKSHOPS					
Conferences					
NICRA					
TOTAL					

NOTE: This is a template. Applicants should expand and give as much detail as possible under each heading - for example, position names, per diem rates, number of vehicles, visa fees, etc.

SECTION C - PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

I. Introduction

USAID Senegal is continuing its support for a stable and prosperous Casamance Region of Senegal through this Request for Applications (RFA), which announces a two-year program focusing on providing alternatives for At Risk Youth. Through this RFA, USAID Senegal is soliciting applications for innovative approaches to helping youth in the Casamance build better lives for themselves and their communities. The objective is to help youth fully integrate into society by helping them build leadership skills, find employment, and confront the risks of HIV/STI infections.

II. Background and Justification

The area of Senegal called the Casamance is located between The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau. The Casamance is made up of two administrative regions: Ziguinchor, and Kolda. Ziguinchor has a population of about 398,337, and Kolda of about 591,833. For nearly 20 years, this agriculturally rich zone has been the site of an armed separatist rebellion.

The conflict has had negative effects on virtually every aspect of life in the Casamance: by some estimates, over 60% of the population in the Casamance has been displaced. Villages have been mined and destroyed. Tourism, once one of the region's most important sectors for employment, has come to a virtual standstill. As a result of conflict, lack of investment and government indifference, the Casamance today is a classic example of under development and its people, particularly the youth, have few options and little hope.

Uncontrolled exploitation of forests and aquatic resources has caused environmental damage. Job opportunities are limited. Schools are overcrowded, and few educational opportunities or training activities exist. Displacement has contributed to the weakening of traditional family values - for example, out of wedlock births are reported to have increased substantially.

Youth (between the ages of 15-30) make up about 25% of the population, numbering 338,000. With an estimated 2.67% population growth rate, an additional 9,000 new jobs must be created annually. Since the youth constitute the human capital upon which the region's future will be built, addressing their problems is central to resolving the conflict.

In order to continue education both at the High School level and beyond, students are obliged to go to Dakar. Often their families do not have the financial resources to support them, severely limiting the number of youth who are able to pursue their studies and develop their skills. Youth who remain in the Casamance, without jobs or the possibility of continuing their studies, are vulnerable not only to drug and alcohol abuse, but also to the lure of making money by informal prostitution and, in some cases, banditry. A long-term resolution of the conflict in the Casamance must address the needs of youth in the region. USAID has identified three problem areas which are critical to improving the situation of youth in the Casamance:

Limited Opportunities for Youth to Play Constructive Roles in their Communities

In the past, Ziguinchor high schools have noticed a high percentage of male dropouts shortly before high school graduation. There is anecdotal evidence that these young men joined the separatist movement or became armed bandits-preferring to be part of a group with a purpose to facing the shame of unemployment in the city.

Young people need organized activities and recreation opportunities to keep them occupied and develop valuable social and leadership skills. The opportunities in the Casamance are limited: there are no public sporting centers, in spite of the Senegalese passion for sport. Activities organized for youth usually revolve around dancing and drinking - which encourage high-risk behavior rather than provide alternatives to it.

Youth need to be encouraged to reach outside of their peer group to fully participate in society as a whole. Good governance is dependent upon participation of all age groups, yet many young people do not see any role for themselves in their communities. Activities which provide role models for youth and give them the tools with which they can participate in their communities need to be encouraged.

Identifying Employment Opportunities and Building Skills

Alternatives for income generation and social activities are limited for young people in the Casamance. There are no official figures for unemployed youth in the region. However, simple observation in Ziguinchor suggests that the majority of youth have no jobs, and income generation activities for youth are often cited by the local population as priority.

Most youth in the Casamance were traditionally employed in agriculture, which reinforced the utility and value of youth in society. In many areas, normal agricultural activity is no longer possible - because of landmine infestation or salt infiltration in fields that have been neglected because of the conflict. Even in areas which are not mined, fear of attacks on the roads have led to great difficulty in getting produce to markets, reducing commercial agriculture.

Before the conflict, many youth were employed in the tourism sector. The conflict has had disastrous effects on the tourism sector. Hotels in Ziguinchor and the interior of the Casamance are under utilized. As a result, many employees have been let go because of low demand.

Curtailing STDs/AIDS/Drug Abuse

With limited education and economic opportunities, young women see few alternatives to the traditional role of getting married and having children. Many resort to informal prostitution - relying on men to support them in return for sex. It is common for girls to have several simultaneous partners. The head of the medical region has estimated the incidence of HIV in Ziguinchor among registered sex workers at 26%. Ziguinchor is a crossroads city, with truckers, military and tourists. Thus, youth in the Casamance are particularly at risk with respect to HIV/AIDS. HIV prevalence in pregnant women in Ziguinchor has risen steadily and has been the highest in the country since 2000. The HIV prevalence data for in-patients in Ziguinchor also shows the highest national rate.

While information on STIs is limited, the prevalence for syphilis in registered sex workers is around 5%, and for pregnant women around 2%. STIs are prevalent, and those with them have a higher risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

Drugs, mainly marijuana, are cultivated in areas of the Casamance, and readily available for both consumption and resale. Participation in drug trafficking - either cultivation or transporting drugs to Dakar or the Gambia for resale - is a lucrative trade in the region.

Families feign ignorance when their children bring money home or show up with new clothes. They feel powerless to question their children about how they obtained money, because poverty, reduced social cohesion and the long term effects of war have eroded family and social values.

By providing youth with alternative means of gaining income and playing socially productive roles, this program is intended to help youth build their self-esteem, repair their role in the family, and become more socially responsible, active members of their communities.

III. Purpose/Objective

This program directly responds to Key Intermediate Result 1 of the Casamance Special Objective: Improved Standards of Living for Affected Populations. The purpose of this program is to help youth in the Casamance build productive lives for themselves. USAID is interested in supporting initiatives in three areas to achieve this:

• <u>Building Youth Leadership</u>. Examples of activities which could contribute to this are helping youth to organize initiatives to address social issues, youth-led interactions with community leaders, a mentoring program, sports activities that develop leadership skills and/or create links with the community, theater and cultural groups, a "game room" or reading room. To encourage project sustainability, activities should focus on helping youth to identify ways in which they can mobilize resources at the local level, rather than simply receive grants to implement activities.

- <u>Employment generation.</u> Examples of activities could include job or internship placement services, day labor placement services to gain experience and work contacts, volunteer talks on career options, and vocational training to build skills.
- <u>HIV/STI</u> and drug abuse prevention. Activities could include awareness campaign for the signs and effects of drug use, counseling for drug users and prostitutes, programs for first offenders (prostitutes, drug runners) which take a "real world" look at the outcomes of negative lifestyle choices, peer led talks about sex, drugs and HIV risk in schools and community centers, and media presentations.

The three components of the program are complementary. Individual youth often face all three obstacles in their lives - and applicants should indicate their vision of how the three components will reinforce each other and share information.

To the extent possible all activities, including awareness raising, should be done by youth for youth. Youth should also be involved in program selection, design, monitoring and evaluation.

The duration of the program will be 24 months.

IV. Rules and Responsibilities

Monitoring and evaluation will be carried out by the grantee(s) with USAID oversight. Grantee(s) will be responsible for adhering to USAID reporting requirements (i.e. submit in a quarterly and annually basis a monitoring and evaluation report).

V. Zone of Intervention

The Casamance Special Objective targets the <u>entire</u> Casamance - including the administrative Regions of Ziguinchor and Kolda. Applicants should explain their choice of working zones and any constraints they might have working within that area.

VI. Subgrants

Subgrant making programs are allowable, but not required. Applicants should explain in detail management mechanisms for subgrants and proposed selection criteria. Organizations proposing subgrants must demonstrate that they are able to meet USAID regulations in monitoring grants and assume responsibility for managing the accounting of subgrants.

VII. Funding

Total anticipated funding available over the life of the program, for this RFA is approximately US\$500,000. USAID anticipates awarding up to three grants, which respond in a particularly creative fashion to the three Objectives, stated above. Applicants may submit for one component or all three. It is important to USAID that activities cover all three Objectives, therefore organizations wishing to submit for the entire amount are encouraged to cover all three goals in their proposal. Grantees submitting for one or two components should explain how their activities will complement activities in other components - regardless of the organization which may obtain funding for other components.

RESULTS

Applicants shall provide a monitoring and evaluation plan, describing the overall results to be achieved in each component. The plan should describe the overall results to be achieved annually and the system to measure these results. Applicants are advised to fill in a simple matrix to meet this requirement. For example:

Goal: More Youth are Gainfully Employed in the Casamance

Objective	Planned activity	Indicator	Definition	Measurement	Target	Target year
				method	Year 1	II
Job	Establishment of	Number of	Jobs include part	Job placement	100	200 youth
placement	a job placement	youth placed	time for more than	service records	youth	placed
increases	service	in jobs	2 months, and full		placed	
			time. Placement			
			depends on			
			documented			
			referrals in records.			

Goal: A statement of the long-term aim of the activity. While the complete fulfillment of a goal may not be

possible or verifiable within the life-span of the activity, the achievement of the project's more specific

objectives should contribute to the realization of the goal.

Objective: A statement of what the activity plans to achieve during the life of the project. This achievement is the

highest level result that a program can materially effect with its efforts.

Indicator: An indicator specifies what is measured to determine whether the objective has been achieved. This

includes both process and outcome. Indicators should be sex-disaggregated where appropriate.

Targets: A target is the planned value of the indicator at the end of the project. Illustrative, end-of-program targets

should be provided in the application. If the program is funded, targets can be adjusted according to

baseline survey results.

Measurement Method: The measurement method identifies the source of the data for the indicators (for example,

baseline survey)

SECTION D

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CERTIFICATIONS, ASSURANCES, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF RECIPIENT [1][2]

PART I - CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

1. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS

- (a) The recipient hereby assures that no person in the United States shall, on the bases set forth below, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving financial assistance from USAID, and that with respect to the grant for which application is being made, it will comply with the requirements of:
- (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352, 42 U.S.C. 2000-d), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (3) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (Pub. L. 95-478), which prohibits discrimination based on age in the delivery of services and benefits supported with Federal funds;
- (4) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance (whether or not the programs or activities are offered or sponsored by an educational institution); and
- (5) USAID regulations implementing the above nondiscrimination laws, set forth in Chapter II of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (b) If the recipient is an institution of higher education, the Assurances given herein extend to admission practices and to all other practices relating to the treatment of students or clients of the institution, or relating to the opportunity to participate in the provision of services or other benefits to such individuals, and shall be applicable to the entire institution unless the recipient establishes to the satisfaction of the USAID Administrator that the institution's practices in designated parts or programs of the institution will in no way affect its practices in the program of the institution for which financial assistance is sought, or the beneficiaries of, or participants in, such programs.
- (c) This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipient by the Agency, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The recipient recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Assurance, and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this Assurance. This Assurance is binding on the recipient, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this Assurance on behalf of the recipient.

2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

(a) Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and/or submitting this application or grant, the recipient is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the agency determined to award the grant. If it is later determined that the recipient knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
 - (3) For recipients other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
 - (4) For recipients who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
 - (b) Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I

- (1) The recipient certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
- (A) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's/grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (B) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about--
 - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2. The recipient's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (C) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (b)(1)(A);
- (D) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (b)(1)(A) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will--
 - 1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;
- (E) Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (b)(1)(D)1, from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- (F) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (b)(1)(D)2., with respect to any employee who is so convicted--
 - 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
- 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(G)	Making a good	faith effort to	continue to	o maintain a o	drug- free	workplace	through i	implementation	of p	aragraphs
(b)(1)(.	(a), $(b)(1)(B)$, (b)	(1)(C), (b)(1)	(D), (b)(1)((E) and $(b)(1)$)(F).					

(2)	The recipio	ent shall	insert in	the space	e provide	d below	the site	(s) for the	e performanc	e of woi	k done	in c	onnection
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Alternate II

The recipient certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant.

3. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS -- PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS [3]

- (a) Instructions for Certification
- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. [4] You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is

debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transaction," [5] provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the methods and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealing.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
 - (b) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions
 - (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, the it and its principals:
- (A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (B) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (C) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(B) of this certification;
- (D) Have not within a three-year period proceeding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

5. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO DRUG TRAFFICKERS FOR COVERED COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUALS (ADS 206)

USAID reserves the right to terminate this [Agreement/Contract], to demand a refund or take other appropriate measures if the [Grantee/ Contractor] is found to have been convicted of a narcotics offense or to have been engaged in drug trafficking as defined in 22 CFR Part 140. The undersigned shall review USAID ADS 206 to determine if any certification are required for Key Individuals or Covered Participants.

If there are COVERED PARTICIPANTS: USAID reserves the right to terminate assistance to, or take or take other appropriate measures with respect to, any participant approved by USAID who is found to have been convicted of a narcotics offense or to have been engaged in drug trafficking as defined in 22 CFR Part 140.

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Typed Name and Title		
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Signature	Date	

[1] FORMATS\GRNTCERT: Rev. 06/16/97 (ADS 303.6, E303.5.6a) [2] When these Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements of Recipient are used for cooperative agreements, the term "Grant" means "Cooperative Agreement". [3] The recipient must obtain from each identified subgrantee and (sub)contractor, and submit with its application/proposal, the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Transactions, set forth in Attachment A hereto. The recipient should reproduce additional copies as necessary. [4] See ADS Chapter E303.5.6a, 22 CFR 208, Annex1, App A. [5] For USAID, this clause is entitled "Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion (March 1989)" and is set forth in the grant standard provision entitled "Debarment, Suspension, and Related Matters" if the recipient is a U.S. nongovernmental organization, or in the grant standard provision entitled "Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters" if the recipient is a non-U.S. nongovernmental organization.

PART II - OTHER STATEMENTS OF RECIPIENT

1. AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS

The recipient represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the Government and to bind the recipient in connection with this application or grant:

Name	Title	Telephone No.	Facsimile No.
2. TAXPAYE	ER IDENTIFIC	ATION NUMBER ((TIN)
_	_	_	organization which has income effectively connected with the conduct of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S., please indicate the

3. CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER - DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER

- (a) In the space provided at the end of this provision, the recipient should supply the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number applicable to that name and address. Recipients should take care to report the number that identifies the recipient's name and address exactly as stated in the proposal.
- (b) The DUNS is a 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services. If the recipient does not have a DUNS number, the recipient should call Dun and Bradstreet directly at 1-800-333-0505. A DUNS number will be provided immediately by telephone at no charge to the recipient. The recipient should be prepared to provide the following information:
 - (1) Recipient's name.
 - (2) Recipient's address.
 - (3) Recipient's telephone number.
 - (4) Line of business.
 - (5) Chief executive officer/key manager.
 - (6) Date the organization was started.
 - (7) Number of people employed by the recipient.
 - (8) Company affiliation.
- (c) Recipients located outside the United States may obtain the location and phone number of the local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services office from the Internet Home Page at http://www.dbisna.com/dbis/customer/custlist.htm. If an offeror is unable to locate a local service center, it may send an e-mail to Dun and Bradstreet at globalinfo@dbisma.com.

The DUNS system is distinct from the Federal Taxpayer	r Identification Number (TIN) system.
DUNS:	_

4. LETTER OF CREDIT (LOC) NUMBER

If the recipient has an existing Letter of Credit (LOC) with USAID, please indicate the LOC number:	
LOC:	

5. PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

- (a) Applicability. This applies to the procurement of goods and services planned by the recipient (i.e., contracts, purchase orders, etc.) from a supplier of goods or services for the direct use or benefit of the recipient in conducting the program supported by the grant, and not to assistance provided by the recipient (i.e., a subgrant or subagreement) to a subgrantee or subrecipient in support of the subgrantee's or subrecipient's program. Provision by the recipient of the requested information does not, in and of itself, constitute USAID approval.
- (b) Amount of Procurement. Please indicate the total estimated dollar amount of goods and services which the recipient plans to purchase under the grant:

\$ 	

(c) Nonexpendable Property. If the recipient plans to purchase nonexpendable equipment which would require the approval of the Agreement Officer, please indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types, quantities of each, and estimated unit costs. Nonexpendable equipment for which the Agreement Officer's approval to purchase is required is any article of nonexpendable tangible personal property charged directly to the grant, having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

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(d) Source, Origin, and Componentry of Goods. If the recipient plans to purchase any goods/commodities which are not of U.S. source and/or U.S. origin, please indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types and quantities of each, estimated unit costs of each, and probable source and/or origin. "Source" means the country from which a commodity is shipped to the cooperating country or the cooperating country itself if the commodity is located therein at the time of purchase. However, where a commodity is shipped from a free port or bonded warehouse in the form in which received therein, "source" means the country from which the commodity was shipped to the free port or bonded warehouse. Any commodity whose source is a non-Free World country is ineligible for USAID financing. The "origin" of a commodity is the country or area in which a commodity is mined, grown, or produced. A commodity is produced when, through manufacturing, processing, or substantial and major assembling of components, a commercially recognized new commodity results, which is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components. Merely packaging various items together for a particular procurement or relabeling items does not constitute production of a commodity. Any commodity whose origin is a non-Free World country is ineligible for USAID financing. "Components" are the goods which go directly into the production of a produced commodity. Any component from a non-Free World country makes the commodity ineligible for USAID financing.

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(Generic)		UNIT COST	COMPONENTS	SOURCE	COMPONENTS
ORIGIN					

(e) Restricted Goods. If the recipient plans to purchase any restricted goods, please indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types and quantities of each, estimated unit costs of each, intended use, and probable source and/or origin. Restricted goods are Agricultural Commodities, Motor Vehicles, Pharmaceuticals, Pesticides, Rubber Compounding Chemicals and Plasticizers, Used Equipment, U.S. Government-Owned Excess Property, and Fertilizer.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION QUANTITY ESTIMATED PROBABLE PROBABLE INTENDED USE (Generic) UNIT COST SOURCE ORIGIN

(f) Supplier Nationality. If the recipient plans to purchase any goods or services from suppliers of goods and services whose nationality is not in the U.S., please indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types and quantities of each good or service, estimated costs of each, probable nationality of each non-U.S. supplier of each good or service, and the rationale for purchasing from a non-U.S. supplier. Any supplier whose nationality is a non-Free World country is ineligible for USAID financing.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION QUANTITY ESTIMATED PROBABLE SLUPPIER NATIONALITY
RATIONALE
(Generic) UNIT COST (Non-US Only) for
NON-US

(g) Proposed Disposition. If the recipient plans to purchase any nonexpendable equipment with a unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more, please indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the proposed disposition of each such item. Generally, the recipient may either retain the property for other uses and make compensation to USAID (computed by applying the percentage of federal participation in the cost of the original program to the current fair market value of the property), or sell the property and reimburse USAID an amount computed by applying to the sales proceeds the percentage of federal participation in the cost of the original program (except that the recipient may deduct from the federal share \$500 or 10% of the proceeds, whichever is greater, for selling and handling expenses), or donate the property to a host country institution, or otherwise dispose of the property as instructed by USAID.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION(Generic) QUANTITY ESTIMATED UNIT COST PROPOSED DISPOSITION

6. PAST PERFORMANCE REFERENCES

On a continuation page, please provide a list of the ten most current U.S. Government and/or privately-funded contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, etc., and the name, address, and telephone number of the Contract/Agreement Officer or other contact person.

7. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

The recipient, by checking the applicable box, represents that -

(a) If the recipient is a U.S. entity, it operates as [] a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of, [] an
individual, [] a partnership, [] a nongovernmental nonprofit organization, [] a state or loc al governmental
organization, [] a private college or university, [] a public college or university, [] an international organization, or []
a joint venture; or
(b) If the recipient is a non-U.S. entity, it operates as [] a corporation organized under the laws of
(country), [] an individual, [] a partnership, [] a nongovernmental nonprofit
organization, [] a nongovernmental educational institution, [] a governmental organization, [] an international
organization, or [] a joint venture.

8. ESTIMATED COSTS OF COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS

The following are the estimate(s) of the cost of each separate communications product (i.e., any printed material [other than non- color photocopy material], photographic services, or video production services) which is anticipated under the grant. Each estimate must include all the costs associated with preparation and execution of the product. Use a continuation page as necessary.

Attachment A

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

- (a) Instructions for Certification
- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," ineligible, "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, has the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. 1/ You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier covered Transaction," 2/ without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non procurement List.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- (b) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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Typed Name and Title
Signature

- 1/ See ADS Chapter 303, 22 CFR 208.
- 2/ For USAID, this clause is entitled "Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion (March 1989)" and is set forth in the USAID grant standard provision for U.S. nongovernmental organizations entitled "Debarment, Suspension, and Related Matters" (see ADS Chapter 303), or in the USAID grant standard provision for non-U.S. nongovernmental organizations entitled "Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters" (see ADS Chapter 303).

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18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERN THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWAR	N THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE NING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH RDED.
a. Type Name of Authorized Representative b. Title	c. Telephone Number
d. Signature of Authorized Representative	e. Date Signed

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This is a standard form used by applicants as a required facesheet for preapplications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain application certification that States which have included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item: Entry: Item: Entry:

- 1. Self-explanatory.
- Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) & applicant's control number (if applicable).
- 3. State use only (if applicable)
- If this application is to continue or revise an existing award, enter present Federal identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.
- Legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity, complete address of the applicant, and name and telephone number of the person to contact on matters related to this application.
- Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 7. Enter the appropriate letter in the space provided.
- Check appropriate box and enter appropriate letter(s) in the space(s) provided:
 - -- 'New' means a new assistance award.
 - 'Continuation' means an extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date.
 - -- 'Revision' means any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation.
- Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.
- Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.
- 11. Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to rpovide a summary description of this project.

- 12. List only the largest political entitles affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).
- 13. Self-explanatory.
- List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project.
- 15. Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.
- 16. Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process.
- 17. This qustion applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authroized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
- 18. To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

Grant Program Catalog of F		Estimated Unobl	igated Funds	New	New or Revised Budget	
or Activity ance Num	Domestic Assist- ance Number (b)	Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federa (f)	
1.	-					
2.	-					
3.	-					
4.	-					
5. Totals						
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6. Object Class Categories		(1)	Grant Program Function (2)	Or Activity (3)	(4)	
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a. Personnel						
b. Fringe Benefits						
c. Travel						
d. Equipment						
e. Supplies						
f. Contractual						
g. Construction						
h. Other						
i. Total Direct Charges (Sum of	f 6a-6h)					
j. Indirect Charges						
k. TOTALS (Sum of 6i and 6j)						
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BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs (cont'd)

(a) Grant Program		(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sourc
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12. TOTAL (Sum of lines 8-11)				
	Total Amt 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
	Total Amt 1st Teal	13t Quarter	Zilu Quartei	Sid Quarter
13. Federal				
14. Non-Federal				
15. TOTAL (Sum of lines 13 and 14)				
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(a) Grant Program		FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)		
		(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third
16.				
17.				
18.				
10.				
19.				
20. TOTAL (Sum of lines 16-19)				
21. Direct Charges:		22. Indirect Charge	S:	
23. Remarks:				

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a - k of Section B.

Section A, Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a single Federal grant program (Federal activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the catalog program title and the catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a single program requiring budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the catalog program title on each line in Column (a) and the respective catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to multiple programs where one or more programs require a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should always provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4 Columns (c) through (g)

For new applications, leave Columns (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in Columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (c) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (c) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (c) and (f).

Line 5 - Show the totals for all columns used

Section B Budget Categories

In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4. Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Lines 6a - i Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j Show the amount of indirect cost.

Line 6k - Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount

in Column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Column (1) - (4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7 - Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount. Show under the program narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

Section C. Non-Federal Resources

Lines 8-11 Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

Column (a) - Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary

Column (b) - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency.

Column (c) - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.

Column (d) - Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources

Column (e) Enter total of columns (b), (c) and (d).

Line 12 - Enter the total for each of Columns (b)-(e). The amount in Column (c) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

Line 13 - Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

Line 14 - Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

Line 15 - Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project.

Lines 16-19 - Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary

Line 20 - Enter the total for each of the Columns (b)-(e). When schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

Section F. Other Budget Information

Line 21 - Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object-class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

Line 22 - Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. ½4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- 6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited by (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. ½1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S C. ½794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1/26101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age: (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse

- and Alcoholism Prevention. Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) ½½523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 cc-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. ½3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other non-discrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
- 7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. ½½1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- 9. Will comply as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. ½½276a to 276z 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. ½½276c and 18 U.S.C. ½½874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. ½½327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
- 10. Will comply if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard are to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (cont'd)

- 11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (E.O.) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1/2/1451 et seg.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. ½½7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Save Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
- 12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. ½½1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- 13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archacological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).

- 14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. ½½4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- 17. Will ensure to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 or OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of Institutions or Higher Learning and other Nonprofit Institutions.
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED